Revival scheme for CIWTC

2316. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a revival scheme has been formulated for Central Inland Water Transport Corporation (CIWTC);

(b) if so, the salient features of the same;

(c) whether the revival scheme excludes the Rajabagan Dockyard;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps proposed to utilise the manpower of Rajabagan Dockyard as well as its assets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has approved a revival scheme for the Central Inland Water Transport Corporation (CIWTC) Ltd., Kolkata on 26.6.01. The salient features of the revival plan are as below:

(i) CIWTC will downsize the workforce to reach an optimum level of 1400 employees;

(ii) Closure of Deep Sea Ship Repair (DSSR) division and Rajabagan Dockyard and only the essential staff of the DSSR Division required for maintenance be retained; CIWTC to dispose of land and assets of Rajabagan Dockyard alongwith manpower;

(iii) CIWTC will enter into a back to back arrangement with road transport agencies and examine further the feasibility for such an arrangement with rail transport so as to facilitate user agencies for getting a 'one stop' service;

(iv) Roll back the age of retirement on superannuation to 58 years from 60 years;

(v) CIWTC and Ministry of Shipping will enter into a MoU on the revenue and expenditure projections for the four-year reorganization period, which will be monitored by the Ministry to ensure that the projections are achieved;

(vi) Government will provide funds to the tune of Rs. 27.07 crore for implementing Voluntary Retirement Scheme.

(vii) Budgetary support of Rs. 76.35 crore shall be extended to CIWTC for implementing the rehabilitation package.

(viii) Write off Government of India loan (Plan and non-plan) together with interest accrued thereon (amounting to Rs. 425.98 crore as on 31.3.2000).

(c) to (e) As per the decision of the Government, the revival scheme is to focused on river service activity so that the Corporation can become viable and the sale proceeds of assets of Rajabagan Dockyard are to be utilized for implementation of the revival package. The manpower of Rajabagan Dockyard is to be given the benefit of the Voluntary Retirement Scheme.

Decision for acquiring crude oil vessels by SCI

2317. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Shipping Corporation of India has decided to acquire four crude oil vessels;

(b) if so, whether Government have given clearance to buy two new Suezmas tankers;

(c) whether the SCI has placed the orders with Daewoo Shipyard in Korea;

(d) if so, the total orders issued for acquiring crude oil vessels; and

(e) by when, they are likely to be acquired?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) presently has a total of seven crude oil tankers on order.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The SCI has placed order with Daewoo Shipyard, Korea for construction and delivery of two crude oil tankers of about